



# Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance Reporting Form

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1a	Is your agency adopting a single agency ordinance OR a regional agency alliance ordinance?	Single Agency Ordinance ▼
1b	Date of adoption OR anticipated adoption:	Originally adopted June 27, 1989, latest revision and adoption August 12, 2008.
2a	Reporting period:	
2b	December 1, 2015 through December 28, 2015 (all agencies)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
2c	February 1, 2016 through February 28, 2016 (additional reporting period for agencies crafting regional ordinances with other agencies)	<input type="radio"/>
3a	Are you using:	a locally modified Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (WELO) ▼
3b	For agencies who have adopted a modified WELO	
3c	Is it at least as efficient as MWELO?	Yes ▼
3d	URL for your WELO	<a href="http://www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov/LandscapeDesignStandards">www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov/LandscapeDesignStandards</a>
3e	List major changes from the State's MWELO	Our Landscape Design Standards (LDS) are prescriptive rather than budget-based, our LDS apply to all projects that go through design review-no minimum project size, our LDS results in a maximum .39 ETAF for non-residential and maximum .50 ETAF for residential, our LDS do not require soil reporting.
3f	If specific types of projects are exempt (other than those already specified in MWELO), state what they are and the sections of the ordinance that they are exempt from.	N/A
3g	Have elements from other regulations been incorporated (e.g., tree shading percent coverage requirement, stormwater capture requirements).	Yes ▼
3h	If yes, describe:	Stormwater design elements, mulching, grading.
4	If other agencies are implementing the ordinance, explain their role:	N/A
5	Permitted projects subject to the ordinance during the reporting period (*e.g., single family residences, commercial projects, landscape retrofits for which permits were finalized during the reporting period, etc.):	7 Projects
6a	Total landscape area subject to the ordinance over the reporting period:	1 18,512.0



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6b	Unit of Measure (sq. ft. or acres)	Square Feet ▼
7a	During the reporting period, how many of the following types of projects did your agency issue final permits on:	
7b	new housing starts	2
7c	new commercial projects	-
7d	landscape retrofits	5
8	Describe the procedure for review of projects subject to the ordinance:	Preliminary plan check review (for projects going through a planning review board prior to submitting full plan sets) to provide guidance early in the planning/design process; plan check review in conjunction with the Building & Safety plan check process for all projects applying for a building permit, during which staff ensure plans comply with the ordinance, and which may involve multiple corrections and re-submittals.
9a	Describe actions taken to verify compliance:	Staff conducts a final landscape inspection, done in conjunction with building inspection process during and at end of landscape construction phases. When in-field construction steps are taken that do not follow the plan set (which complies with the ordinance) staff provides contractor with corrections list and completes follow-up inspection(s).
9b	Is a plan check performed?	Yes ▼
9c	If so, by what entity?	The City of Santa Barbara Public Works Department, Water Resources Division, Water Conservation Office in conjunction with the Building & Safety Division
10	Describe implementation and enforcement measures:	The City has had LDS since 1989 and implementation has been long-term. Each time the LDS are revised input is solicited from local landscape architects and contractors to ensure feasibility and equity. Any plans straying from the LDS are caught and remedied during plan check. The most common issue found during inspections are irrigation controller settings which are easily remedied.
11	Explain challenges to implementing and enforcing the ordinance:	Our main challenge is educating non-local architects that the City has its own LDS and is not using the state MWELO. Some architects, with first submittal, default to submitting plans that comply with MWELO, which leads to us pointing them to our own standards and checklists.
12	Describe educational and other needs to properly apply the ordinance:	It would be helpful if more attention was given statewide to that fact that not all agencies use MWELO and to encourage all landscape architects to check with their permitting agency before submitting plans.
13	Additional Comments:	

Please submit reports, including a copy of your local water efficient landscape ordinance, via email to [WELO@water.ca.gov](mailto:WELO@water.ca.gov) by December 31, 2015. Agencies preparing a regional ordinance must submit an additional report by March 1, 2016. For questions, please call Ms. Julie Saare-Edmonds at (916) 651-9676.